

The Snyder Signal

TWENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1914.

NUMBER TWENTY-TWO

COMMISSIONERS' COURT AT WORK BONDS APPROVED

The County Commissioners' Court met Monday in regular quarterly session.

Present, County Judge C. H. Buchanan, County Clerk, W. T. Skinner, Sheriff, J. B. Holes; Commissioners G. W. Brown, Precinct 1; J. D. Letcher, precinct 2; J. B. Autry, precinct 3; J. E. Thomas, precinct 4.

The first work of the term was to canvass the votes cast in the election November 3, and the following officers were declared elected and the amounts of the several official bonds set.

C. H. Buchanan, County Judge, \$2,000; County Superintendent, \$1,000.

W. T. Skinner, County Clerk, \$5,000.

W. S. Adamson, District Clerk, \$5,000.

W. W. Weems, County Attorney, \$2,500.

W. A. Merrill, Sheriff, \$5,000.

W. M. Curry, Collector State Taxes, \$27,500; Collector County Taxes, \$10,500.

J. A. Morris, Assessor, State \$5,000; County \$6,000.

C. H. Lockhart, County Treasurer, \$20,000.

W. L. Gross, County Surveyor, \$1,000.

G. W. Brown, Commissioner, Precinct 1, \$4,000; J. P. Precinct 1, \$1,000.

J. T. Bridgeman, Constable Precinct 1, \$1,000.

Zack Evans, public weigher, Precinct 1, \$5,000.

T. L. Winston, Com. Precinct 2, \$5,000; J. P. Precinct 2, \$1,000.

Drew Wilson, Constable, Precinct 2, \$1,000.

J. S. Cutler, Public Weigher, Precinct 2, \$5,000.

J. B. Autry, Com. Precinct 2, \$5,000; J. P. Precinct 2, \$1,000.

F. C. May, Constable, Precinct 3, \$1,000.

J. C. Hires, Public Weigher, Precinct 3, \$5,000.

J. E. Thomas, Commissioner, Precinct 4, \$5,000.

F. C. Hamilton, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, \$1,000.

L. H. Jordan, Constable Precinct 4, \$1,000.

G. W. McCall, Public Weigher, Precinct 4, \$5,000.

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PRESSMAN BADLY HURT AT FARMERS' UNION GIN

Tom Glosop, a pressman at the Farmer's Union Gin, came near being killed Wednesday at the gin. He was winding the windlass of the crane used in moving bales from the platform and lost control of the machine, the handle struck him on the head and knocked him from the platform to the ground, about seven feet. He was picked up unconscious, but soon revived and is doing very well today.

S. P. SMITH OF FLUVANNA IS NAMED AS CHAIRMAN FOR SCURRY COUNTY

The recent cotton acreage conference has gone on record as favoring a great reduction in cotton acreage for next year. A chairman was appointed to try to organize the people and get them to agree to a reduction. The State Chairman has appointed a long list of county chairmen whose duty it will be to get in touch with farmers, bankers and merchants and bring about a general understanding and agreement to plant less cotton.

Mr. S. P. Smith, Cashier of the First State Bank at Fluvanna has been appointed Chairman for Scurry County.

Altruistic Meet.

Mrs. U. C. Howard was hostess for the Altruistic Club Wednesday, November 11th. The lesson was led by Mrs. Winston and Mrs. Whitmore.

A paper on "Constance" was read by Mrs. Towle.

Mrs. Calton, Mrs. Cunningham and Miss Steele were guests.

A delicious salad course was served.

NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RE-NEWALS

The following new subscribers and renewals to the Signal have been received since November 1. Have you lined up with the rest yet?

A. C. Shuttwell, Snyder.

J. W. Lettich, Snyder.

C. C. Harless, Snyder, Rt. 2.

Joe Strathorn, Snyder.

N. T. Ford, Polat.

H. B. Butler, Snyder.

H. L. Turner, Snyder, Rt. 1.

W. A. Eastman, Snyder.

Joe M. Savage, Snyder.

Jim Pearce, Snyder.

Z. P. Gilliam, Snyder.

A. P. Gammaway, Heemleight.

A. M. Heron, Snyder, Rt. 3.

M. M. Boyder, Snyder.

Mrs. R. M. Meslinier, Snyder.

W. S. Williams, Polat.

W. L. Butler, Camp Springs.

J. C. Garrett, Snyder.

E. H. Ward, Snyder.

Geo. Evans, Snyder, Rt. 5.

Mrs. E. R. Lykes, Belton.

J. G. McCallough, Snyder, Rt. 3.

I. H. Walton, Snyder, Rt. 2.

H. W. Hamann, Snyder.

W. P. Crockett, Snyder.

C. H. Peters, California.

MISSION SOCIETY ACTIVITIES.

Week Devoted to Prayer and Missionary Study.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church observed last week as a season of prayer. They had services at the church every afternoon. Missionary subjects were discussed by the members and much information was gained and the Missionary spirit was greatly strengthened.

The attendance was good and the interest manifested was encouraging. The lessons were entertaining and uplifting. The offerings amounted to a considerable sum.

On Sunday the pastor preached a missionary sermon and a nice collection was taken.

Following is the program for the Auxiliary meeting next Monday, Nov. 16 at 2:30 p. m.

Bible Study: Jesus Christ, the Evangelistic Missionary.

Leader—Mrs. C. C. Higgins.

—Supt. Publicity.

J. T. Whitaker, of Kirkville, Missouri, is here on a prospecting trip.

He is well pleased with the prospects here and the general appearance of the county appeals to him.

COURT CRIMINAL APPEALS AFFIRMS THE LATHAM CASE

Austin, Texas, Nov. 11.—The court of Criminal Appeals today affirmed the sentence of five years imposed upon Mrs. Minnie Latham by the August term of Jones County District Court for the murder of John V. Stewart at Snyder in January of this year.

The case of Mrs. Minnie Latham is familiar to almost every person in this section. On the 26th of January this year, she shot to death J. V. Stewart, a man who had paid her attention, on the public square in the town of Snyder, Texas. During the melee, Park Wolfe, city marshal of Snyder was shot through the hand. She was allowed bond and her case transferred to Anson for trial at the August term. The case came up August 2. The empaneling of the jury, taking of evidence and arguments lasting approximately a week. The jury was given the case for deliberation the Saturday following the commencement of the case and was out five hours, finding the defendant guilty and assessing her punishment at five years in the State penitentiary. An appeal was taken and the case came up in the Court of Criminal Appeals a short time ago.

The case against Mrs. Minnie Latham's husband, Will Latham, charged with complicity in the murder of Stewart was set for the November term of the Haskell County Court, and will probably be heard about the last of November or first of December.

J. F. Cunningham of this city was one of the attorneys for Mrs. Latham. The case was one of the hardest fought legal battles in the annals of court trials in this part of the state, and was watched with deep interest by people over the entire country, as the parties were well known in many sections.—Abilene Reporter.

This case has attracted statewide attention. The State was represented by District Attorney Stinson and Higgins and Hamilton of Snyder. Judge Higgins was in Austin two weeks ago and argued the case. It was a hard fought battle and every point at all applicable in the case was brought forward.

Judge Thomas scored many fine rulings in the trial, and the higher court has sustained him.

Mrs. Latham has fifteen days, or until November 24th, in which to file a motion before this same court for a new hearing. If this motion is denied, the only avenue of escape for her is a pardon from the Governor.

DR. CARROLL DIED WEDNESDAY IN FT. WORTH

Dr. R. H. Carroll, aged 70 years died in Fort Worth Wednesday morning. He was the founder of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was its president at the time of his death.

He was known all over the South and especially in Texas as a leading minister of the Baptist church.

Working Up Endowment Fund. Rev. R. D. Crutch, of Anson and Rev. H. R. Bullock of Merck are in Snyder this week working in the interest of an endowment fund for Trinity University. The purpose of the endeavor is to raise \$125,000 to endow the institution. Trinity University is the leading Presbyterian school of Texas. It is a well equipped school and is turning out bright men, and women graduates every year. Some of the strongest men in Texas in all avocations came from Trinity.

W. S. James, assistant general manager of the Houston, Snyder & Pacific Railroad, spent Tuesday at Snyder and was an appreciated caller at the Signal office. Mr. James says business is good with their line this fall, in fact their present equipment is taxed to its fullest capacity to handle the business they are getting.

J. H. Wills was here Wednesday from Fluvanna.

SCURRY COUNTY'S NEW OFFICERS WERE SWORN IN

This week brings along the usual bi-annual change in the official directory of Scurry county. The old citizens who comes to town will find in most cases the same men in charge.

The Commissioners' Court is practically new, with the exception of Judge Buchanan and Commissioner Brown, whose long experience and judicious management fit them to lead out wisely in county matters.

Mr. Thomas has been there for some time, filling out Brock's term and is pretty well broke to the harem.

Mr. Autry came in a month ago and is fairly well established in the big chair so honorably filled by Mr. Stinson Judge Letcher, for four years a safe, sane and cautious counselor relinquished his chair this week to Mr. Winston, and he earned his successor to "be careful, there were pins in it."

The new Court is now fully adjusted and they are a good safe body of men.

The old officers were in no special hurry to take off the old toggery and put on the new.

The first new man to be sworn into a county office was County Attorney Weems, then came Sheriff Merrill, Public Weigher Evans and Surveyor Gross, and the county affairs are moving along without a jar.

We have a good lineup of county officers, and we feel sure that our public affairs will be properly looked after in every department.

MORE ELECTRIC LIGHTS INSTALLED ON THE STREETS

Mr. J. R. Evans, Manager of the Snyder Electric Light Plant is doing everything in his power to serve the town up to the highest efficiency in the way of lights.

He has recently installed eight incandescent lights in the center of each street as it enters the square and a number of lights on the principal streets of the city and the Court House square is well lighted.

The people speak in highly complimentary terms of this service and hope it may be continued. Let us hope the city council can see their way clear to keep these lights going every night. Strangers are sure to be impressed with a bright town like this where they can grope through in the dark.

The people of America have greater reason than most other nations for gratitude, and the people of Snyder and Scurry county as much so any other part of our great state.

Ought we not this time especially to give emphasis and impetus to our national Thanksgiving day? Who is not grateful to Johnson for our national peacekeeping leader? Who will not join Wendell Willkie and William Jennings Bryan in ascribing praise to their and our God on the day they designate, Thursday, Nov. 24?

Ought not every man and woman especially every Christian, to leave the chase, the hunt, and every recreation out, at least, until after the morning's devotion?

The service this year will be at the Presbyterian church, Rev. W. L. Peare, the new pastor of the Christian church, will preach the annual sermon.

All the singers are expected early in their places, to the front by the organ, to help make melody in our hearts unto the Lord.

Time promptly at 11 a. m.

Their Mother is Better. Abner and W. L. Rhoades of Ira, who left here last Friday to go to the bedside of their mother at Jacksonville, returned Tuesday morning and reported the lady very much better.

They took her to St. Joseph Sanatorium at Fort Worth for an operation. She stood the operation well and they left her resting nicely with prospects good for permanent recovery.

RAIN CHECKS THE COTTON PICKING

Our country has been fortunate this fall in having long spells of open dry weather in which to rush the cotton picking and it has been rushed.

There have been a few days of rain indications lately and on Wednesday night, a slow rain set in and continued until noon Thursday. The ground is muddy, cotton picking is stopped for a while. It is estimated that the crop is three-fourths out and the rain will put the land in good condition for wheat sowing.

UNITED STATES CROPS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE WORTH FIVE BILLIONS

Washington, D. C.—The important farm crops of the United States this year are worth \$5,063,742,000, a hundred and four million dollars more than last year, notwithstanding the loss of four hundred and eighteen million dollars, sustained by cotton planters on lint alone, as result of the European war.

Preliminary estimates and statistics announced today by the Department of Agriculture indicate that this year's wheat and corn crops are the most valuable ever grown in the United States. The wheat and apple crops were record harvests and the potato crop was the second largest ever raised.

Double Tragedy at Waxahatchie. Waxahatchie, Nov. 9.—Thomas R. Hastings, an express driver, at supper last night shot and killed his wife and then killed himself. Their lifeless bodies were discovered this morning when their baby was heard crying. It was found crawling over the bodies of its parents.

Family quarrels are supposed to have been the cause of the tragedy.

Cotton Belt Strike Unsettled. St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 9.—The United States Circuit Court today issued an injunction restraining the three railway brotherhoods from calling a strike on the Cotton Belt Railroad.

The order is issued as a result of grievances which have been submitted on account of the discharge of a conductor at Texas and about a year ago.

At the last meeting of the members of the Bill Scurry Camp, United Confederate Veterans, it was decided to urge every member of the camp to be present at the next regular meeting at 2 o'clock on the First Sunday in December and bring a group picture made of the spring camp.

Commander Johnson speaks in glowing terms of the camp. It will be a pleasure to the families and friends of the brave soldiers of South who served to have these pictures to look at. Probably some of them will have never seen a picture of their own since they had their group made just before starting away to the war. Then they did it to leave them with their mothers, sisters or sweethearts, so that should they perish on the altar of country, their loved ones and cherished features might be kept in tender memory.

They may not be so handsome as then, but in some way these pictures of boys are just as dear and as costly as ever before. Don't fail to be on hand with a picture guaranteed to stand the test.

Missionary Society Meets. The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met Nov. 8, at 2:30 p. m., with Mrs. Arch Farmer, Mod. of the members were in attendance.

After an appropriate Scripture lesson we had a very interesting lesson from the second chapter of our study book, "Heaven of Today," closing with a short prayer from each member.

All went away feeling that it was good to be there. —REPORTER.

Mrs. Dave McNeil at Dermott is reported seriously sick.

MISS GRAYUM OPEN THEIR HOME TO YOUNG PEOPLE

On Tuesday evening, November 10, the Misses Grayum opened their beautiful home on Colonial Hill to the young people of Snyder.